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ACTION STR

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EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: MTN, ETRD, CT
SUBJECT: MTN: REQUEST FROM CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

REF: GENEVA A-213

1. US MTN DEL HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JULY 7 FROM THE
MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, V. BOUCHER, OF THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE (CAE) REQUESTING TARIFF REDUCTIONS
ON TOBACCO. (LETTER SENT TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN REF
AIR). THE LETTER REFERS TO THE VISIT OF DIRECTOR OF
FOREIGN COMMERCE, SOKAMBI ARISTIDE, TO US MTN DEL CONCERN-
ING THIS SUBJECT.

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2. SOKAMBI VISITED US MTN DEL ON JUNE 19 AND EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN MAXIMUM REDUCTIONS ON TOBACCO ITEMS TSUS 170.10
AND 170.20. US MTN DEL NOTED THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO IT INDICATED THAT PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF THESE TOBACCO
PRODUCTS WAS THE CAMEROONS WHICH HAD RECENTLY SUBMITTED
REQUESTS FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS WHICH WERE UNDER STUDY IN
WASHINGTON (SEE GENEVA 6744). SOKAMBI NOTED THAT TOBACCO

WAS PROBABLY GROWN IN CAE BUT MARKETED THROUGH FRENCH-OWNED COMPANIES OPERATING BOTH IN CAE AND CAMEROONS. US MTN DEL NOTED THAT CAE WAS NEITHER A MEMBER OF GATT NOR PARTICIPANT IN MTN, AND THAT IF IT WISHED TO PARTICIPATE, IT SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH GATT SECRETARIAT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: US MTN DEL REQUESTS THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, BANGUI, REPLYING TO CAE LETTER. WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH NOTE: (A) IT IS NECESSARY TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN MTN TO SUBMIT REQUESTS, (B) IT IS IN ANY EVENT VERY LATE IN THE DAY TO SUBMIT NEW REQUESTS AND (C) THAT PRODUCTS IN WHICH CAE IS INTERESTED HAVE ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED BY THE CAMEROONS, WHICH IS RECORDED AS PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER IN US STATISTICS.

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